

LISTING AND AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule comprising Type A gelatin, said capsule containing a pharmaceutical formulation comprising at least one omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid in free acid form,

wherein the soft gelatin capsule comprising Type A gelatin exhibits a longer shelf life as compared to a soft gelatin capsule comprising Type B gelatin, and

wherein said soft gelatin capsule comprising Type B gelatin contains a pharmaceutical formulation comprising at least one omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid in free acid form.

2. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 1 wherein formulation comprises 5, 8, 11, 14, 17-eicosapentaenoic acid (or "EPA").

3. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 2 wherein EPA is present in an amount of at least about 50 wt % of the formulation.

4. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 2 wherein EPA is present in an amount of between from about 50 wt % to about 60 wt % of the formulation.

5. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 2 wherein EPA is present in an amount of at least about 90 wt % of the formulation.

6. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the formulation comprises 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19-docosahexaenoic acid (or "DHA").

7. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 6 wherein DHA is present in an amount of between from about 20 wt % to about 30 wt % of the formulation.

8. (Currently Amended) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in ~~any one of~~ Claim 1 comprising between from about 100mg to about 2000mg of said formulation.

9. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 8 comprising about 500mg of said formulation.

10. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 8 comprising about 1000mg of said formulation.

11. - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the gelatin comprises porcine gelatin.

14. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the gelatin comprises bovine gelatin.

15. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the gelatin comprises fish gelatin.

16. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the wall of the capsule consists of a single layer.

17. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the capsule delays release of the formulation until after passage through the stomach.

18. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the capsule delays release of the formulation until after passage beyond the pancreatic duct in the duodenum.

19. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 17 wherein the capsule is coated with at least one enteric material.

20. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 19 wherein at least one enteric material is integrated within the gelatin of the capsule.

21. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 19 wherein the or at least one enteric material is a neutral polyacrylate polymer.

22. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule as claimed in Claim 20 wherein the or at least one enteric material is poly(ethylacrylate-methylmethacrylate).

23. - 34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The soft gelatin capsule according to ~~claim~~ Claim 1, wherein the shelf life is determined by storing the soft gelatin capsule comprising Type A gelatin and the soft gelatin capsules comprising Type B gelatin for 3 months at a temperature of 40°C; disintegrating each of the capsules in water at 37°C; and ~~calculating~~ measuring disintegration times of each capsule to determine the shelf life of each capsule.

36. (Currently Amended) A soft gelatin capsule consisting essentially of Type A gelatin containing a pharmaceutical formulation comprising at least one omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid in free acid form, and

wherein the soft gelatin capsule exhibits a longer shelf life as compared to a soft gelatin capsule consisting essentially of Type B gelatin containing a pharmaceutical formulation comprising at least one omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid in free acid form, and

wherein the shelf life is determined by storing the soft gelatin capsule consisting essentially of Type A gelatin and the soft gelatin capsules consisting essentially of Type B gelatin for 3 months at a temperature of 40°C; disintegrating each of the capsules in water at 37°C; and ~~calculating~~ measuring disintegration times of each capsule to determine the shelf life of each capsule.

37. (Previously Presented) A soft gelatin capsule, comprising:  
at least one omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid in free acid form; and  
gelatin consisting essentially of Type A gelatin.